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Title: Method and System for Transmitting Information in an Optical  
Communication System Using Distributed Amplification

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